

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Monday, November 2, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening: Councilmember Bethune offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Holder presided. Council Members: Mayor Pro-tem Campbell, Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel and Councilmember Tice.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director; Blake Hodge, Fire Chief; Benny Googe, Public Works Director; Pam Franklin, HR Director and Ron Alexander, Planning, Zoning & Building Director. *Absent:* Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director.

Mayor Holder said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the pre-agenda session.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Holder opened the floor to received public comment from the audience.

Ms. Sharon Bethune, Garden City Housing Team Chairperson said on Saturday, October 24, 2015, the Garden City Housing Team, Habitat for Humanity as well as other volunteers participated in the "Six Houses in Six Hours" event in the Rossignol Hill neighborhood. She said I would like to thank everyone involved for dedicating their time and service to the community. She said we hope to do another event soon. She said several residents expressed their wished for Habitat Humanity to building homes in the area.

Mayor Holder said there was a big turnout on Saturday and everyone did a good job.

There being no further questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Holder closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Public Hearing:

Garden City Urban Redevelopment Plan: City Manager presented the Garden City Urban Redevelopment Plan for public comment. He said the purpose of a redevelopment plan is to help cities address blight, slums, and dis-investment. He said it provides local governments with a plan and the necessary tools to facilitate targeted redevelopment and revitalization efforts.

City Manager provided an overview of the urban redevelopment process and areas targeted in the City for redevelopment. He said the next steps is to make the Urban Redevelopment Plan available for public comment on the website and to adopt the "Resolution of Necessity" and the Urban Redevelopment Plan by resolution at the December 7, 2015 council meeting.

There being no questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing on the Garden City Urban Redevelopment Plan.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council approved the City Council Minutes dated 10/91/15 and Workshop Synopsis dated 10/26/15.

Staff Reports:

Human Resources Director presented the Human Resources Department's Monthly Report.

Information Technology Director presented the Information Technology Department's Monthly Report.

Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department's Monthly Report.

Parks & Recreation Director presented the Parks & Recreation Department's Monthly Report.

City Manager Update: City Manager said I met with the traffic signal installation contract today and the pole have been order to install the traffic signal at the intersection of Chatham Parkway & Telfair Place.

Items for Consideration:

First Reading, Ordinance (Zoning Map Amendment): Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone certain property owned by (1) Cub Enterprises, LLC., located at 156 Dean Forest Road and (2) Port City Equipment & Rental Company, Inc., located at 154 Dean Forest Road from its present zoning classification of "R-1" to an "I-1" zoning classification, except for the westernmost sixty (60') feet of said properties adjacent to Dean Forest Road which shall be rezoned to a "C-1" zoning classification, subject to certain conditions; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Mayor Holder asked Ms. Fields and Mr. Helmly if they were good with the rezoning and buffer requirements.

Ms. Fields and Mr. Helmly both replied yes.

Second Reading, Ordinance (Zoning Map Amendment): Clerk of Council read for the second reading an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone certain property owned by (1) Cub Enterprises, LLC., located at 156 Dean Forest Road and (2) Port City Equipment & Rental Company, Inc., located at 154 Dean Forest Road from its present zoning classification of "R-1" to an "I-1" zoning classification, except for the westernmost sixty (60') feet of said properties adjacent to Dean Forest Road which shall be rezoned to a "C-1" zoning classification, subject to certain conditions; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

Resolution, Coastal Regional Commission Council Appointment: Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, that they do hereby appoint Phil Phillips of Garden City, Georgia, to fill one of the three Chatham County non-public representative positions on the Coastal Regional Commission Council to serve until June 30, 2016, at which time he shall be eligible for reappointment by the County to serve a regular one-year term from July 2016, through June 30, 2017, should he be willing to continue his service on the Commission the Mayor and Council again supports his service by selecting him for reappointment by the County.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project – Proposed Plan for Area 2: Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, that CAJEEN Construction & Rehabilitation Services, Inc., perform sanitary sewer system rehabilitation work in Area 2 of the City as shown on the Exhibit “A” through a change order to the contractor’s current contract for sanitary sewer system rehabilitation work in Area 1; that such change order provide for such rehabilitation work to commence immediately upon completion of CAJEEN’s rehabilitation work in Area 1 which is estimated to conclude during the last quarter of 2015; and that the cost of such work (estimated at \$450,000) be funded through the allocation of funds from the existing FY2015 Water & Sewer Enterprise Budget which is expected to have an estimated year end fund balance of approximately \$700,000.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, NSP 117 Bowman Avenue Renovations: Clerk of Council read a resolution for Garden City, Georgia, to manage, in-house, the rehabilitation and sale of the City-owned residential improvements located at 117 Bowman Avenue, Garden City, Georgia, in connection with the Garden City Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Medical Memorandum of Understanding (GCFD First Responder Service): Clerk of Council read a resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Frank E. Davis, MD, and the Fire Department of Garden City, Georgia, for the provision of medical direction and training for the Fire Department’s First Responder Service.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant: – A resolution to amend the FY15 General Fund Budget to accurately reflect monies to be received from the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant not reflected in the originally budgeted and presently projected revenues for the General Fund.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Mayor Holder, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes Transcribed by: Clerk of Council

Minutes Accepted by City Council: 11/16/15